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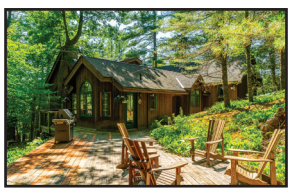

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Writing on the Senior Side

A campfire is the perfect way to spend a summer evening. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

You are never too old for a campfire

GAIL STELTER
Special to *County Life*

It is a beautiful night in the Highlands. Brilliant stars remind us of why we left the city. The lake is serene. The fire glows and the leaves on the surrounding trees are unusually still. The raccoon has yet to make his nightly stroll to the campfire or his ramble and banging about on the little cottage deck and window screens.

The young boy, the son of visiting friends, looks up and commands our attention as he remarks. "It looks just like a diaphragm."

The resulting howling laughter is beyond outrageous. We know he means it looks like a diorama. We delight in his innocent mistake and instinctively know that this will be a campfire memory.

You can't go to the campfire too early; the mosquitoes will eagerly welcome you. No, you'd better wait until it is really dark. Tonight our friends are back and introducing us to something new; a new campfire food. Perhaps it will replace hot dogs and s'mores? Cheese balls hung on strings over the fire; some wonderful round white cheese. We are having smoked Italian cheese. It is fun, and the laughter is once again outrageous.

But lest you think we are just too strange, I must add we do have guitars and singing.

"Won't you come with me to a place in a little town? The only way to get there is to go straight down. There is no bathroom and there is no sink. The water of the tap is very hard to drink."

Oh my, my son has written a song about our little Drag Lake cabin. Why does he include "Fat boy, wait until tomorrow"? Who is the fat boy?

Oh, he didn't write it after all. It is by a group called Silver Chair. The song is called *Tomorrow*, and it was first released in 1994. Well, I had never heard it before and it will forever be "The Cottage Song".

Neil Young's songs are also early-cottage-days-

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Writing on the Senior Side

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lasts-forever favourites. I missed Neil Young in the 70s; that was my having babies decade. So one day I decide to listen to a Neil Young CD of all the campfire songs we have been singing. That is Neil Young? I think my son sounds better. I know this is a bit much but I heard my son sing them first and I am completely biased. Neil Young is a campfire staple and I really am a Neil Young fan.

I also became a Tragically Hip fan. We listen for the call of the loons on our lake as we sing *Wheat Kings*. My new lifelong favourite Hip song is *Ahead by a Century*. Gord Downie was an incredibly talented Canadian poet.

This song has the line. "No dress rehearsal; this is our life." It is my mantra.

Of course, you cannot have a campfire with baby boomer parents and not include The Beatles and good old rock and roll hits. Throw in a little country, The Eagles and Jan Arden.

When my daughter sings *Good Mother* I get teary-eyed and teased for doing so. We all sing our parts when she sings *Patience* by Guns and Roses. Whoever thought I would ever be singing along to Guns and Roses? Not me. The campfires can go on all night. Okay, not all night. I get tired and try to go to bed. Those kids and their dad are still going strong. One night I got up. I was worried. Were my kids drinking at the campfire? I told… yelled… at them to go to bed. I told them to quiet down, and I mentioned that one of them had a "particularly annoying voice". What a grouch I was that night. Now that's a memory I would like to forget and one they take delight in making sure I don't.

Young people are at Sandy Cove Beach tonight; not an unusual occurrence. We are singing. They start to sing along. Now they are making a request. Our joy and laughter are contagious. Another night, the next-door neighbours have their family visiting. We invite them to join us.

Mosquitoes and rainy summer nights are common. Why, you ask would we be having a campfire in the rain? Well, when your cottage is a one-room cabin; with no bedrooms, and there are usually 10 or more of us, a nightly campfire is mandatory summertime fun time.

The campfires don't change with the big new log home (with lots of bedrooms) but they do change with the arrival of grandchildren; lots of little grandchildren! I sing my children's songs with them and s'mores happen before dark. They grow up listening, singalong and falling asleep in the lawn chairs as their parents and grandparents sing. Campfires are entrenched as a family happening. Beside the lake or in the backyards or at our rental cottages, campfires are beguiling.

The fire ban. No campfires. We know why. We understand. We are saddened to learn of the devastation caused by wildfires. We appreciate the work of firefighters. Will it end?

It does end, at least for now. We have had two campfires this summer. The grandchildren are back making s'mores. Only nine of us are at the first campfire and three at the second. It is still beguiling. Last night, after the usual mosquitoes who think they have been invited and the wet logs try the fire maker's patience, the fire is burning brightly. I started to laugh as I suddenly remembered the diaphragm, great friends, and great times. There will be lots more campfires this summer. Perhaps there will be many more summer campfire years ahead. Best not to think too much about that. Grab the senior side moments now and live in the present.

Perhaps the next campfire will just be the two of us; quiet, reflective and inspiring. Perhaps it will be one of the "really big ones" filled with laughter and song. In August we will have the Stelter Family Cottage Week when all 20 of us will be together around the campfire. Most of the grandchildren are teenagers. More guitar players; more of their songs; more time to enjoy them as they make all the s'mores and hot dogs.

Campfires live in the realm of personal contentment and well-being. This may also result in a decrease in blood pressure. According to a research study carried out by the University of Alabama, sitting by the campfire reduces blood pressure. It also proved that our enjoyment of "flickering lights, crackling sounds and the smell of fire may be rooted in evolution." Perhaps it is a throwback to prehistoric times when people socialized around campfires and felt warmth while bonding with friends.

Campfires belong to me and to you and to all who engage. They happen on memorable nights in my Haliburton Highlands. I hope you gather and sing and become beguiled by a campfire this summer. You are never too old for a campfire.

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An international view of waste

OMOTAYO LEAH OLAKANMI
Our Environment

EVERYONE MAKES waste. That is true if you have lived in Haliburton County your entire life, or elsewhere in Canada, or like me, in Nigeria where I was born and raised.

For the past seven months that I have been living in Canada and attending college, I have seen how Nigeria and Canada differ significantly in terms of population, economic development, and waste generation, which directly impact their approaches to waste management.

Nigeria, a West African nation, with a population of 223 million people, faces challenges due to rapid urbanization, inadequate infrastructure, and limited resources. The country generates around 32 million metric tonnes of waste per year, with only a small fraction properly collected and disposed of. The majority end up in open dumpsites, or water bodies, or burned openly, causing severe environmental pollution, and posing health risks.

Nigeria struggles with inadequate waste collection infrastructure, limited recycling facilities, and insufficient funding. A large portion of the waste generated ends up littering the environment, blocking drainage systems and causing flooding. The country's waste management system is primarily informal, with many individuals and small-scale enterprises involved in waste collection, transportation, and disposal. While this informal sector plays a crucial role in waste recovery, its activities often lack proper regulation and pose health risks to lives.

In contrast, Canada has a more robust waste management system. The country produces approximately 36.1 million metric tonnes of waste annually, but most of it is efficiently managed through a well-established waste collection, separation, and recycling system.

Canada's success in waste management can be attributed to its integrated approach to recycling. There are various recycling programs covering materials such as plastics, paper, glass, tires, textiles, and electronics. These programs are supported by public awareness campaigns, convenient recycling bins, and organized collection systems, encouraging people's active participation. Canada's waste management efforts are also driven by the technology of landfill gas capture, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These efforts contribute to the transition towards a circular economy and sustainable waste management practices.

Despite the challenges, Nigeria recognizes the need for improvement and is taking steps towards a more sustainable waste management system. The federal and state government has initiated policies aimed at tackling waste issues, campaigns to raise public awareness and promote waste separation, and encourage the private sector to invest in waste management infrastructure. Nigeria's waste management goal is to develop a more regulated and inclusive waste industry by developing the right infrastructure needed to achieve its goals. Personally, I think this is achievable in a few years.

Waste management practices in Nigeria and Canada show significant differences due to varying socio-economic factors and levels of infrastructure. Canada has made incredible progress in waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable waste-to-energy initiatives. Nigeria faces substantial challenges in its waste management system but demonstrates a commitment to improvement and the implementation of strategic policies.

Collaboration and the exchange of best practices between both countries are vital to effectively address the global issue of waste management and encourage a more sustainable future. This can be achieved by establishing partnerships between relevant organizations in Nigeria and Canada and planning conferences and workshops where waste management experts from both countries can share experiences and insights. International funding agencies can also be encouraged to support waste management projects between Nigeria and Canada.

Omotayo Leah Olakanmi is a student at Fleming College's Waste Resource Management- Environmental program, doing an internship placement as a Recycling Promoter at the Municipality of Dysart et al.

A blooming Evening primrose. /Submitted by Brenda Peddigrew

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Staff are seeking support for youth in the areas of tutoring, homework help, music lessons and jam night facilitators. They also welcome new ideas from potential volunteers.

Volunteer tutors are needed in high school subject areas of math, english, chemistry and science, including for youth who are preparing for post secondary institution. Volunteer homework help is also needed for youth of all ages.

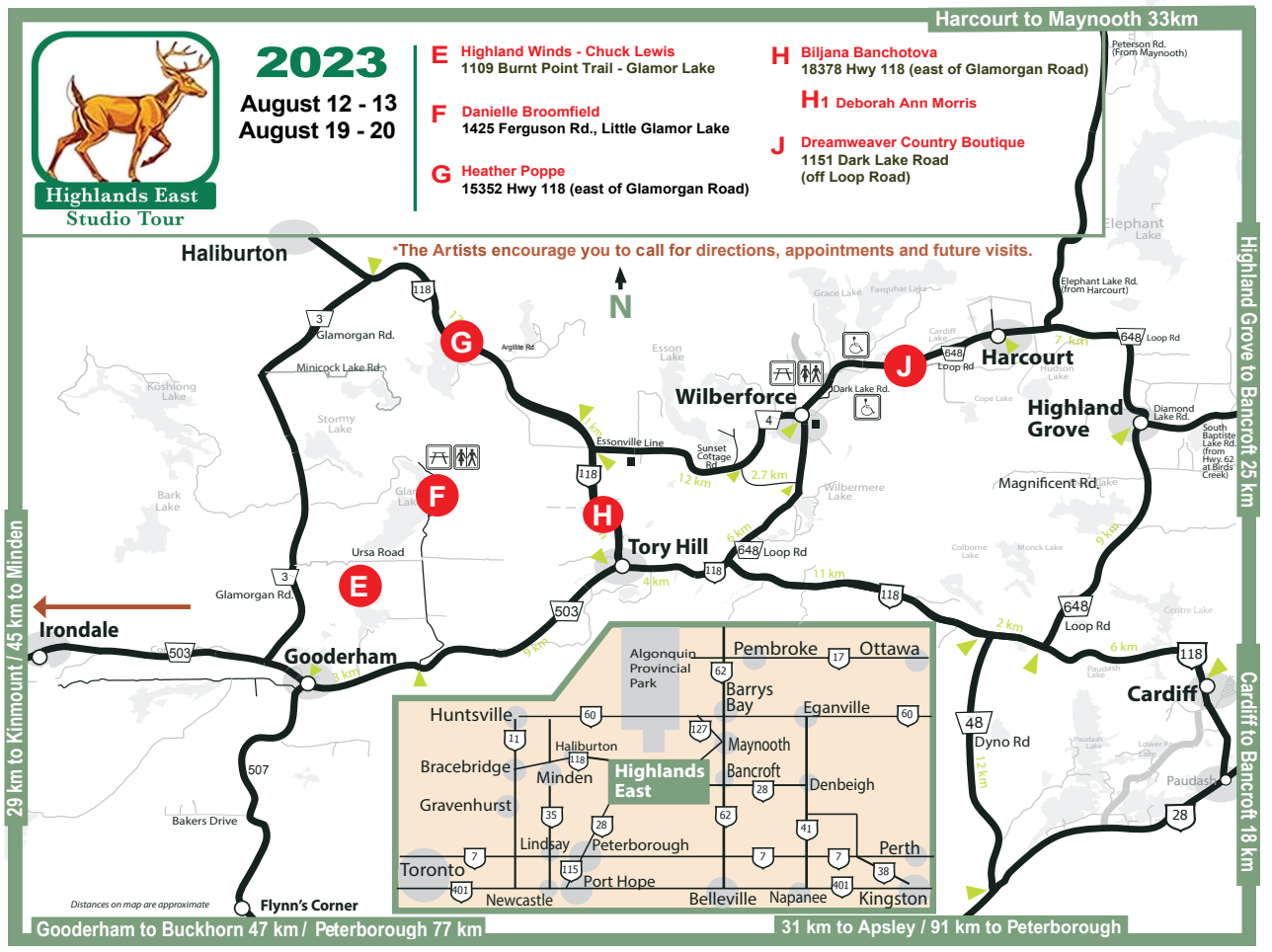
Youth friendly musicians are welcome to apply to volunteer positions for open mic style and jam sessions for youth.

The time commitment varies, according to need and duration of the volunteer assignment. Scheduling can be flexible.

Volunteer tutors must be at least 25 years old, require a vulnerable sector police check and must complete an application and volunteer package. Volunteer music coaches must be at least 16 years old. Instruments can be provided.

We are excited to hear from you! For more information or to apply to volunteer, please contact Mary Sisson, Youth Wellness Hub Manager, at marys@pointintime.ca or give her a call at 705-457-2727.

Submitted by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents



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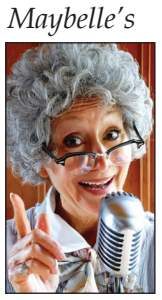
Walkin' on the wild side, don'tcha know

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

WHY IF ol' Maybelle didn't get on an airplane and fly south to be with my brother, Norland, don'tcha know. You see, after doing facetime with him every day for several months to try and lift his spirits after his going in and out of hospital due to serious falls, I knew I had to leave the comfort of Lake WhaddayathinkImean, Bogart my sweet bear and my good friends, Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yucch, Twindle Mumbly, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes and Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, and go to see him before it was too late.

Now, for those of you who know me, you know that ol' Maybelle has been avoiding getting anywhere NEAR an airport, let alone getting on an airplane since COVID, so this was a big deal for me. But, my bro is my bro so off I go …

Second day I'm there he falls in the street trying to get into the passenger side of the car. Norland's a big fella so when he hit the ground even the asphalt hurt. It took ol' Maybelle and two other gals to help him up.

I whisked him over to Urgent Care where his injured arm was bandaged and a doctor looked into his file and explained: "Norland, your lungs are shot, your kidneys are shot, your heart is extremely weak, and you have chronic anemia. It's causing your muscles to weaken and your legs to give out from under you. Do you use a walker?" "No," Norland said. "I don't need a walker. I don't *always* fall."

Both the doc's eyes and ol' Maybelle's rolled so hard you'd think we were pinball machines.

"Norland," he said, "from this day forward, every time you don't use a walker, you will be putting your life at risk." He painted various scenarios that might happen, one worse than the other, hoping to get the importance of using a walker into Norland's thick skull. Do you think he listened? Why, the very next day he fell again. This time, harder right in his own apartment. It took three body-building looking paramedics to lift him onto a gurney and into an ambulance.

Ohhh, Norland, I thought, watching him all bandaged up as they drove away. You are walking on the wild side.

Now, the reason ol' Maybelle is telling you this is because a lot of us are of an age where walking with a walker is just the smart thing to do. But, some of us, like Norland, would rather risk falling down and maybe break something major than look like an old geezer, (in his book). But what a book that is! Pretty outdated if you ask me. Why, his doctor called it PRIDE.

"Norland," he said, "you can't let pride get in the way of your health."

It's also pride that keeps him from wearing hearing aids, and BOY does Norland need them. Every single time ol' Maybelle said ANYTHING, I had to repeat it at least three times. Why, it became a crazy guessing game. I'd say: "The car is parked near the curb." And he'd say: "The bar is barked smear the burp?" "No, Norland! The *car* …" And he'd say: "The *tar*? What tar? What are you talking about Maybelle? And stop mumbling!"

Why I became so frustrated, steam puffed out of my ears. I know that because the plant I was sitting beside wilted.

So that's my spiel, Dear Reader. For some of us it can be hard to accept when our nuts and bolts are wearing out and we need the support of devices. Better to use a walker than walk on the wild side without one. And better to wear hearing aids than feel isolated from others and also make them blue in the face from running out of steam just getting you to change the channel, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

Top 10 things bats might say to each other

BATS ARE interesting creatures. They stay up all night. They eat exotic foods (bugs), and the fly all over the place. In short, they have all the qualities needed to have their own TV reality show. That's why I have often imagined what they might say to each other in everyday conversation. Here are the top ten things I suspect they say?

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. I don't care. I still prefer Superman.
2. Do these fireflies seem off to you?
3. Predictability is for the birds.
4. If you fly into that belfry, you are just perpetuating a stereotype.
5. Apparently, we play a big role in baseball.
6. I get tired of just hanging around the same group.
7. Let me guess, moths for dinner again…
8. I failed my sobriety test. I flew in a straight line.
9. Apparently, they worship us on Halloween.
10. I wish I could get rid of this loose skin under my arms.

Echoes

Dusk, bruising Sky,
Sun's bloodshot eye, leaving bursting veins behind,
as it blinks between trees, sinking into the hills,
Air, trembling, as the moans of loons bathe the Lake, a lullaby for the lily-pads and reeds,
a pair of mallards, floating through them, serenaded by the loons' cries,
as they perform their evening ablutions, their feet pirouetting in the Air, like a pair of ballerinas,
resurfacing as a loon echoes back its mate's song of longing,
invisible ears listening, as lights flicker across the Lake, the lantern of Moon, dangling up in Sky,
amplifying the loon's plaintive cries, as footsteps creak along the dock, stopping to listen.
Breeze, slinking through the trees, the whisper of leaves, rustling in the spaces between the loons' song,
as I pause on the path, watching a pair of silhouettes stand on the dock,
still as statues, their limbs, intertwined, listening to the lullaby veil the Lake,
strands of moonlight rippling across its surface, a chorus of crickets, pricking Air,
as I stare up into the deepening bowl of Sky, dusk, smudging its hues of blue,
the first freckle of star appearing over the Lake, its light shining brighter than the face of Moon,
the cries of the loons, echoing inside me, as I listen to the silence they leave behind,
the footsteps of the silhouettes creaking back along the dock,
slipping into the deepening cloak of darkness, veiling Air,
a croaking in the reeds, as I listen to a frog, staying up late, like me,
dazzled by Sky's display, a spray of stars, sprinkling their light,
as night paints the Lake with strokes of ink, a puddle of Moon, silvering its skin.
I walk onto the dock, following in the footsteps of the pair of silhouettes, swallowed by night,
dipping a toe into the blackness of Lake, that feels warm as a bath,
Air, soft as the lullaby, the loons leave behind, echoes of their longing, carried by the breeze,
through open windows, into sleeping ears,
dripping, deeper, into dreams.

Sylvie Kalenda

/Submitted

Snap

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Who dragged her one-eyed body
Continued to lay eggs
In favoured ancient wetlands
She braved with ancient legs

Although her young were many
Just one per cent survive
To reach their own grown target
Of trying to stay alive

Until they too can parent
And lay a hopeful batch
Of motivated turtles
Which one-by-one still hatch

In gravel on the roadsides
In sandy spots near home
Historical safe patterns
Recycling their biome

But tragedies in lifetimes
Beyond what nature makes
Are spoiling healthy balance
Imposing great mistakes

Unthinking human mindsets
Eclipse the rights of wild
Posterity for turtles
Reduced when new-hatched child

Attempts to cross a highway
Or locate mother's pond
Her marshland or her river
A wet place just beyond

From where it first breathed freedom
And instinct to mature
Through slow and gentle growing
On mission to ensure

It carries on its species
Extinction not a thought
But landfills and more traffic
Steal futures on the spot

By Deborah J. Reed

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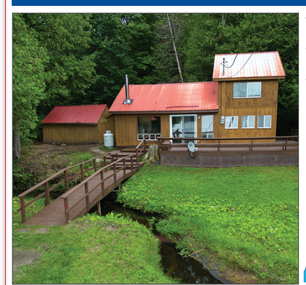

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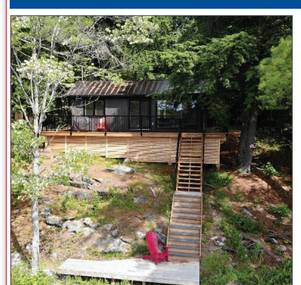

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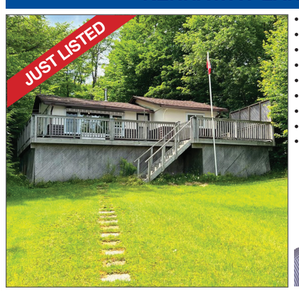

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Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall.
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot first Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
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Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
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Kash Art On The Water

When: Sat. Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain Day Sunday)
Where: Various locations, Lake Kashagawigamog
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Decoration Day - Ingoldsby Cemetery

When: Aug. 13, all day
Where: Ingoldsby Cemetery, 1721 Ingoldsby Rd
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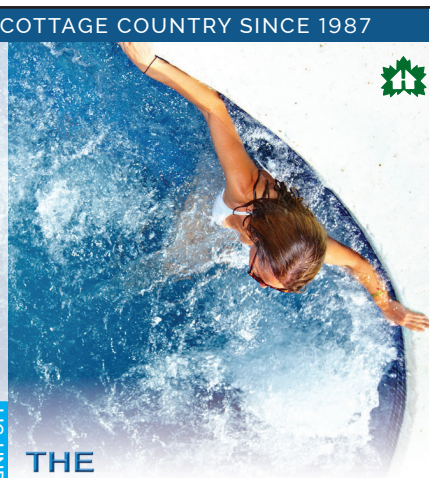

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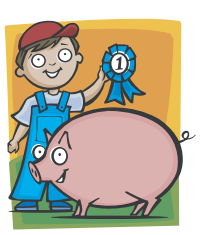

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Planning the future

Environment and quality of life items high on everyone's list

It was not surprising perhaps that quality of life issues and protection of the environment were high priority items when citizens from throughout the county met in Haliburton last week to help develop a vision for the future of the Highlands.

The public consultation was organized by a committee of county councillors with facilitator Chris Bryant. At the meeteing, called 'Toward a Strategic Plan for the County', the over 100 participants were asked to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the region, and then help develop some strategies for positive change in the near and medium future.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey was on hand to welcome the participants to the meeting. In his opening remarks he noted that two years ago the county made a commitment to create a strategic plan by 1997 and have an official plan in place by 1998. "This is our commitment to that process, he told the gathering.

Fearrey said that during the past 20 years the focus in the county has been on tourism. While acknowledging that it was an important part of the economy, he said the county must grow beyond that and not be "boxed in" by a single identity or focus. "Open your minds to the next 15 years," he challenged the participants.

Bryant explained that community-based planning, such as the group was involved in, is always the most successful. "If local people are not involved in the planning process and have some 'ownership' of the process, it is not likely to succeed," he told the meeting.

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First Annual Quilt Show packs them in

Patrons admire the workmanship in one of many fine quilts on display at the First Annual Quilt, Rug and Fibre Arts Antiques Show. **For more photos from the show, see page 5.**

Mavor will not seek re-election

Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor has announced that he will not be seeking re-election in the upcoming November municipal election.

The reeve announced his intention at the annual meeting of the Halls and Hawk lakes Property Owners Association, July 13 at Camp Kawabi. Mavor offered two reasons for not running, "I'm 75 (years of age)," he told the crowd. "It is not that I am having a health problem, rather, my health is still good and I want to take advantage of that."

The reeve had praise for the lake association saying, "It is groups like yours that make it easy to do my job."

Mavor said he did not want to advise the members how to vote in the upcoming election. However, he noted that the other members of council have all filed their nomination papers, and he did point out that municipalities are going through a major transition and suggested, "...you should keep continuity in leadership in mind when casting your vote." The other four incumbent members of Stanhope council have already indicated their intention to seek public office. Eleanor Harrison has filed for reeve; Murray Daniels for Deputy Reeve and Anne Barker and Jim Hicks for councillor.

Private company resurrects Bark Lake leadership centre

by Jerry Grozelle

When the provincial government announced it would be closing the Bark Lake Learning Centre near Irondale, there were fears that the operation would be sold to someone who would turn it into an exclusive country club.

That hasn't happened.

The centre was operated by the Ontario government since its beginning in 1948, but changing priorities resulted in the facility being sold. The centre had the reputation as an excellent leadership training facility and many were concerned the educational opportunities offered at Bark Lake would be lost.

Enter Izumi Outdoors, the company that produces Bob Izumi's Real Fishing Show, Real Fishing Radio and Real Outdoors Magazine.

"We are very excited about the future of this outstanding centre," said Wayne Izumi, president of Izumi Outdoors, at a get-acquainted session at the centre July 21. "For years, Bark Lake has been synonymous with top notch leadership training. We intend to continue that tradition by offering world class training programs and by hiring the best qualified staff

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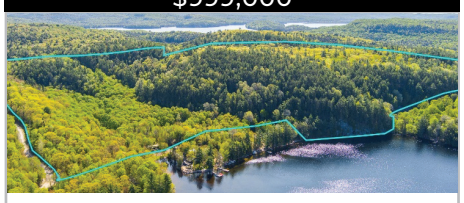

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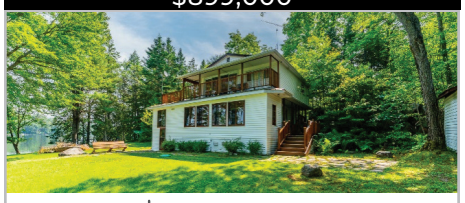

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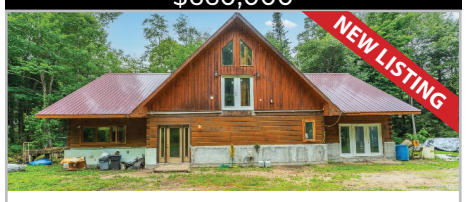

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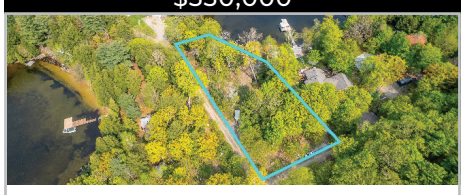

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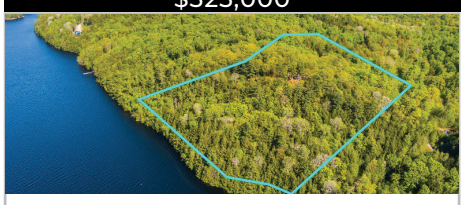

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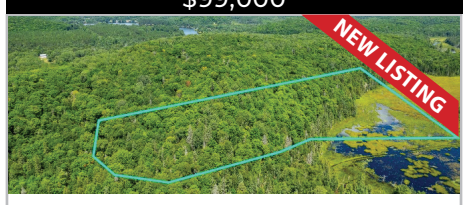

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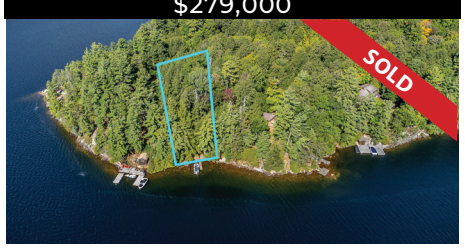

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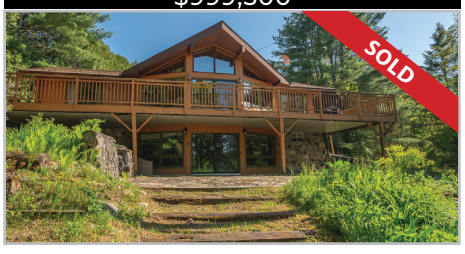

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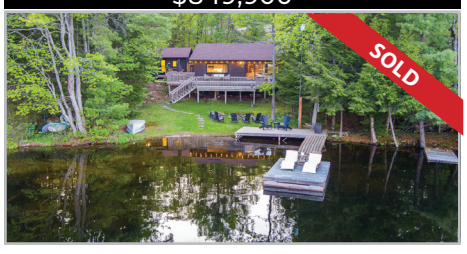

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